

(1) by annually providing billions of dollars for loans to young and beginning farmers and ranchers; and

(2) through ongoing financial support for organizations such as 4-H and the Future Farmers of America; and

Whereas Congress has provided for—

(1) the appropriate safety and soundness oversight of the Farm Credit System through the Farm Credit Administration, an independent Federal agency, the operating costs of which are funded by the Farm Credit System; and

(2) the protection of investors in Farm Credit System bonds through the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, funded by premiums paid by the Farm Credit System: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Farm Credit System on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

(2) commends the continued service of cooperative owners and employees of the Farm Credit System to help meet the credit and financial services needs of rural communities and agriculture.

SENATE RESOLUTION 350—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE FOR WINNING THE 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 350

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide won the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship, defeating the Clemson University Fighting Tigers by a score of 45-40 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona on January 11, 2016;

Whereas this victory marks the fourth college football national championship in the last 7 years for the University of Alabama and the 16th national championship overall;

Whereas the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship Game was the 64th postseason bowl appearance and the 36th bowl victory for the University of Alabama, both of which extend existing National Collegiate Athletic Association records held by the University of Alabama;

Whereas running back Derrick Henry rushed for 158 yards and scored 3 touchdowns;

Whereas running back Kenyan Drake returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown;

Whereas safety Eddie Jackson made 3 tackles and a key interception, earning the award for Defensive Player of the Game;

Whereas tight end O.J. Howard caught 5 passes for a career-high 208 yards and 2 touchdowns, earning the award for Offensive Player of the Game;

Whereas quarterback Jake Coker finished with 335 passing yards and 2 touchdowns;

Whereas, in 2015, Derrick Henry was awarded the Doak Walker Award as the best running back in the United States and the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell Award as the best overall player in college football;

Whereas offensive lineman Ryan Kelly was awarded the 2015 Rimington Trophy as the top center in the United States;

Whereas the offensive line of the Crimson Tide won the 2015 Joe Moore Award, awarded to the top offensive line in the United States;

Whereas, in 2015, the Associated Press recognized Derrick Henry, A'Shawn Robinson,

and Reggie Ragland as first-team All-Americans;

Whereas the leadership and vision of Head Coach Nick Saban has propelled the University of Alabama back to the pinnacle of college football;

Whereas Chancellor Robert Witt, President Stuart Bell, and Athletic Director Bill Battle have emphasized the importance of academic success to the Crimson Tide football team and to all student-athletes at the University of Alabama; and

Whereas the Crimson Tide football team has brought great pride and honor to the University of Alabama, the loyal fans of the Crimson Tide, and the entire State of Alabama: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship Game;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the championship season; and

(3) requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the President of the University of Alabama, Dr. Stuart Bell;

(B) the Athletic Director of the University of Alabama, Bill Battle; and

(C) the Head Coach of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team, Nick Saban.

SENATE RESOLUTION 351—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24 THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2016, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"

Mr. SCOTT (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 351

Whereas providing a diversity of choices in K-12 education empowers parents to select education environments that meet the individual needs and strengths of their children;

Whereas high-quality K-12 education environments of all varieties are available in the United States, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and home schooling;

Whereas talented teachers and school leaders in each of the education environments prepare children to achieve their dreams;

Whereas more families than ever before in the United States actively choose the best education for their children;

Whereas more public awareness of the issue of parental choice in education can inform additional families of the benefits of proactively choosing challenging, motivating, and effective education environments for their children;

Whereas the process by which parents choose schools for their children is non-political, nonpartisan, and deserves the utmost respect; and

Whereas hundreds of organizations, more than 9,000 schools, and millions of individuals in the United States celebrate the benefits of educational choice during the 6th annual National School Choice Week, held the week of January 24 through January 30, 2016: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of January 24 through January 30, 2016, as "National School Choice Week";

(2) congratulates students, parents, teachers, and school leaders from K-12 education environments of all varieties for their persistence, achievements, dedication, and contributions to society in the United States;

(3) encourages all parents, during National School Choice Week, to learn more about the education options available to them; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, events, and activities during National School Choice Week to raise public awareness of the benefits of opportunity in education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 352—COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOSS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER AND OF TEACHER IN SPACE S. CHRISTA MCAULIFFE OF CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 352

Whereas, on January 28, 1986, the 7 crew members of the Space Shuttle Challenger, Commander Francis R. Scobee, Pilot Michael J. Smith, Mission Specialist Ellison S. Onizuka, Mission Specialist Ronald E. McNair, Mission Specialist Judith A. Resnik, Payload Specialist Gregory B. Jarvis, and Teacher in Space and Payload Specialist S. Christa McAuliffe, were killed in a tragic explosion shortly after liftoff;

Whereas, for as long as there has been human consciousness, human beings have looked to the stars in curiosity, delight, and awe;

Whereas, throughout the course of human history, humankind was Earth-bound, yet spoke of visiting the celestial bodies;

Whereas the foundation and development of the United States were driven by a pioneering spirit;

Whereas reaching out into space exhibits the strength of the human capacity to engineer and persevere;

Whereas the people of the United States who have journeyed into space have personified the national pride of the United States;

Whereas, in 1986, a crew of individuals representing the best of the United States stepped forward to ride a rocket into space, knowing that explorers throughout the ages have put the need for knowledge above their own welfare;

Whereas, on January 28, 1986, the United States cried out in grief at the loss of those 7 most brave voyagers;

Whereas Christa McAuliffe, a teacher with an infectious spirit and tremendous bravery, not content to make the world her classroom, prepared to expand her schoolroom to the stars;

Whereas Christa McAuliffe, through her educational endeavor, sought to inspire adults and children alike by pushing the bounds of the human experience and by rousing all people to imagine the most of human potential;

Whereas the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, New Hampshire is a living memorial to embody the legacy of this intrepid woman; and

Whereas January 28, 2016, is a day on which the people of the United States should pause